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C O N F I D E N T I A L 3496
SUBJ: JCS SITREP 804/240430ZNOV 78 (U)
1. (C) SITUATION:

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A. TO DATE, THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA NOW HOLDS THE 78 SURVIVORS OF THE JONESTOWN INCIDENT. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE FIRST GROUP (APPROX 24 INDIVIDUALS) WILL BE RELEASED TO US OFFICIALS ON 24 NOVEMBER AND WILL COMPRISE THOSE CONSIDERED QUOTE NON-PROBLEM UNQUOTE AND SOME VERY ELDERLY. THE REMAINING SURVIVORS CONTINUE TO BE UNDER INVESTIGATION.

B. THE SITUATION IN JONESTOWN REMAINS CALM WITH EVACUATION OF THE BODIES PROGRESSING. NO FURTHER ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE TO IDENTIFY BODIES IN GUYANA. JTF COMMANDER ESTIMATES ALL 405 BODIES WILL BE EVACUATED BY 24 NOV 78.

C. INSPECTION OF JONESTOWN REVEALED THAT FACILITIES HAD ONLY 600 SINGLE BEDS, THUS EARLIER ESTIMATES OF 1000 OR MORE RESIDENTS ARE PROBABLY EXAGGERATED.

2. (C) FRIENDLY OPERATIONS:

| A. | ARRIVED DOVER AFB | BODIES |
|---|---|---|
| C-141 | 231100Z NOV 78 | 48 |
| C-141 | 240105Z NOV 78 | 81 |

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| B. | DEPARTED GEORGETOWN | ETA DOVER | BODIES |
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C. AS OF 231600Z NOV 78, A TOTAL OF 279 US MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE IN GUYANA. APPROX 75 ARE IN THE FORWARD AREA.

D. JCS 231405Z NOV 78 AMENDED JCS 210221Z NOV 78 (EXECUTE ORDER) STATING THAT US MILITARY AIRCRAFT WOULD BE USED TO EVACUATE JONESTOWN SURVIVORS FROM GEORGETOWN TO CHARLESTON AFB, SOUTH CAROLINA. REPS FROM HEW AND FBI WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROCESSING SURVIVORS AT CONUS DESTINATION. AFTER PRELIMINARY PROCESSING IS COMPLETED, ALL SURVIVORS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM USAF PROPERTY.

E. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT US MARSHALS SERVICE SPECIAL OPERATIONS GROUP PERSONNEL WILL BE EMPLOYED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SECURITY ON FLIGHTS RETURNING SURVIVORS.

F. AIRLIFT DEPLOYMENT SUMMARY: (AS OF 240430Z)

| | TO GUYANA | | FROM GUYANA | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | C-141 | C-130 | C-141 | C-130 |
| SCHEDULED | 19 | 6 | 6 | |
| | TO GUYANA | | FROM GUYANA | |
| | C-141 | C-130 | C-141 | C-130 |
| COMPLETED | 19 | 6 | 2 | |

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|---|---|---|---|
| REMAINING | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| ENROUTE | 0 | 0 | 2 |

G. STATUS OF REMAINS: (AS OF 240430Z)

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| GUYANA | 135 |
| DOVER AFB | 121 |
| ENROUTE | 149 |
| TOTAL | 469 |

3. (U) GENERAL INFORMATION: DEPARTMENT OF STATE WILL MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE RETURN OF SURVIVORS VIA US MILITARY AIRCRAFT. MILITARY SPOKESMAN WILL NOT ACKNOWLEDGE UNTIL AFTER THE STATE ANNOUNCEMENT. ALL QUERIES FOLLOWING STATE ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE. GDS 84

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